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Public Disclosure Commission

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To: Vicki Rippie, Executive Director Public Disclosure Commission 711 Capitol Way, #206 P. O. Box 40908 Olympia, Washington 98504-0908

From: Jolie Imperatori 3122 239<sup>th</sup> Place Sammamish, WA 98075

RE: Illegal campaign contributions in behalf of Kathy Huckabay, Don Gerend and Lee Fellinge, candidates for the City Council of the City of Sammamish in violation of RCW 42.17.040, RCW 42.17.510, and RCW 42.17.550.

Dear Executive Director Rippie,

This is a formal request for the Public Disclosure Commission to investigate an illegal campaign contribution made in behalf of the aforementioned candidates. My complaint specifically refers to the attached campaign piece, Exhibits A and B, mailed by a political committee "Citizens for a Better Community".

This political committee recently sent out an extensive and expensive mailing in the City of Sammanish that is in violation of several RCW's as follows:

- 1. Citizens for a Better Community have not filed as a Political Committee. They have failed to file a statement of organization with the PDC or the elections officer of King County including the information required by sections (1), (2b), (2c), (2d), (2e), (2f), (2h), (2i), (2j), and (3). I have attached a copy of the full text of RCW 42.17.040 for your convenience as Exhibit C.
- 2. Citizens for a Better Community have violated RCW 42.17.510 sections (1), (2), and (3a, b, c, and d). Of particular concern is the fact they did not supply a "Notice to Voters" as specifically required nor did they list their top five contributors as required by law. They also failed to provide the name, address and contributor information required by this section of the RCW in 10 point type so it could be easily read by voters. Additionally, they have supplied two different addresses using two different zip codes creating further confusion for the voters. The correct zip code for the address provide is 98075. I have attached a copy of the full text of RCW 42.17.510 for your convenience as Exhibit D.
- 3. Citizens for a Better Community have an utter disregard for compliance with section RCW 42.17.550 requiring disclosure of this expenditure to the PDC and subsequently the voters within two working days after the mailing date of the mailing. I have attached a copy of the full text of RCW 42.17.550 for your convenience as Exhibit E.

I am very concerned that this campaign mail piece is being used to illegally influences the Commission outcome of the city council races in the City of Sammamish. My concern is based on the fact that similar tactics have been employed in past city council races since the city was incorporated.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Public Disclosure Commission fully investigate this blatant attempt to illegally influence the city council elections of the City of Sammamish. I respectfully request that Robert C. and Kay H. Schertzf, who live at the address given on the campaign mailer, be required to comply with the aforementioned sections of the RCW that they are in violation of immediately so the voters of the City of Sammamish can be fully informed of their actions. Their address as given is 19711 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Sammamish, WA 98075. Their telephone number is 425-392-1516.

Thank you for your assistance regarding these violations.

Sincerely,

Jolie Imperatori

NB: Electronic signature provided, notarized signature will be over-nighted to your office.

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Enclosures: Exhibits A, B, C, D and E.

CC: Kurt Young, Compliance Officer, Public Disclosure Commission